on grounds of destruction of forests and adverse effect on bio-diversity and suggested an alternative alignment.

(c) The alternative alignment suggested by NGOs can not be considered because it involves State Highways and other district roads whereas NHDP envisages widening of existing National Highways only.

Damage of NH-31 and NH-52 by recent flood

3152. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several portions of the NH-31 and NH-52 have been badly damaged by recent flood in Assam;

(b) if so, whether the damage is likely to be assessed; and

(c) what measures would be taken to rebuild these highways after proper assessment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Certain damages have occurred on some of the stretches on NH-31 and 52 due to recent rains/floods in Assam.

(b) and (c) Restoration of flood damages on National Highways is carried out based on the assessment of damages as per ground condition and overall availability of funds. However, for taking up immediate restoration measures, an amount of Rs. 100 lakhs has already been released to the Government of Assam.

Conversion of petrol cars to CNG ones

3153. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed any ban on the conversion of private old car driven on petrol to C.N.G.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to revoke the ban; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No such ban has been imposed by this Ministry.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.